

Commissioners' Board Meeting July 26, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board meeting room on the thirteenth floor of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Judith L. Schwank called the meeting to order with Commissioner Thomas Gajewski and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were 1st Assistant County Solicitor Christine Sadler and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, and County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. did not attend the meeting

Commissioner Schwank opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Commissioners extended a warm welcome to Federal Judge Richard Fehling and the contingent of Judges from the Sverdlovsk Region Arbitration Court in Ekaterinberg, Russia. They were in the United States as part of the Open World Leadership Program, administered by the Library of Congress. In addition to Judge Fehling, the judges were hosted by Federal Judge Golden, and Alvernia College staff. In attendance were The Honorable Svetlana Tsvetkova, The Honorable Svetlana Sushkova, The Honorable Sergey Solovtsov, The Honorable Irina Kranobayeva, Tatyana Chuavina, Clerk of Courts, and two interpreters.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski to approve the July 17, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the July 19, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve; although Commissioner Schwank abstained from voting on the July 17th minutes as she did not attend the meeting.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 213.07 A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with EHD Insurance to provide the County's Comprehensive Insurance coverage for July 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008.
 - 215.07 C. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$65,000.

- 216.07 D. Adopt Resolution to execute Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Tax Funds for the rehabilitation of County owned Weidner's Bridge. This project has been completed and it is necessary to submit this form so that the total project costs match the exact amount that is encumbered for the project. This form increases the encumbrance by \$55,113.12 to a total of \$305,113.12.
- 217.07 E. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in an amount not to exceed \$27,472.53 for paving of Reider Road in North Heidelberg Twp.
- 218.07 F. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in an amount not to exceed \$38,461.54 for culvert replacement on Douglass Drive in Douglass Twp.
- 219.07 G. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in an amount not to exceed \$80,219.78 for paving various roads in Richmond Twp.
- 220.07 H. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in an amount not to exceed \$34,340.66 for paving of West Vine Street in Fleetwood Borough.
- 221.07 I. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated July 24, 2007.
- 222.07 J. Adopt a resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board, to execute **TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request** Form for the period (April, May, and June) FFY 2006-2007, in the amount of \$5,381.78 for distributing 48,925.25 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.

Commissioner Schwank made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Scott; with Commissioner Gajewski *abstaining, both voted to approve the following:

- 223.07 K. Resolution to approve formation of the Berks County Farm Museum Action Committee.

*Commissioner Gajewski's abstention was due to the fact that he received the list of proposed committee members only that morning and had questions that he wanted to address.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated July 23, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer –County Administrator Bill Dennis read report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Controller, read report.

Commissioner Scott noted a report received from John Ravert of the Conservation District regarding higher tipping fees and increased receipts from Conestoga Landfill. The Commissioner suggested that the Controller and Budget offices should audit as we may not be being paid all we are entitled to.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to the Chief Clerk